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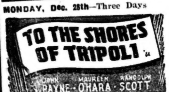

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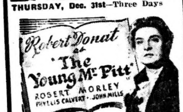

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THERE will be no collection of House Refuse on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

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HUSBAND'S SACRIFICE

FOR THE SAKE OF HIS CHILDREN

"I am willing to sacrifice myself for the sake of my children," said a man at Ramsgate police court on Monday in making an offer of £2 10s. a week for the maintenance of his wife and three children.

Mrs. Violet May Davies, of Canterbury-road, made application for an order against her husband, Morgan Davies, a munitions worker, of Earl-street, Tredegar, on the ground that he failed to provide her and their three children with reasonable maintenance.

Davies said he did not object to an order being made.

Mrs. Davies said she had been receiving about 34s. a week from her husband.

Mr. B. K. Hemsley, Probation Officer, said Davies' earnings for seven weeks up to 27th November averaged £5 1s. 7d. a week.

Davies said he did not want his children to suffer but he resented the fact that his wife had brought the twins, aged six, back to Ramsgate from the reception area. He was willing to pay £2 10s. a week.

After hearing of other expenses which defendant had to meet in connection with his lodgings, travel, etc., the magistrates made an order for the payment of £2 5s. weekly—£1 4s. in respect of the wife and 7s. in respect of each of the children.

THE ROAD TO VICTORY

CAPT. BALFOUR'S CHRISTMAS GREETING

Capt. the Rt. Hon. Harold Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air, sends the following Christmas greeting:

Through the kindness of the Editor, I am allowed to send this Christmas greeting to my constituents, both those in the Isle of Thanet and those who have been forced, owing to the war, to move elsewhere but who still keep in touch with local affairs.

1942 has been a year which has seen the war change from the defensive to the offensive. In every theatre of war now we are attacking. A year ago the position was different. I would not hazard a prophecy as to what 1943 may bring to us, except that I feel we can, still having due regard for caution, say that it should see us a long way on the road to victory.

At this Christmastide our thoughts turn to those of our own who are fighting in the air, on the water, beneath the seas and on the land in such a grand and gallant manner; and we pray for their safe return in a determination that each one of us will play his part in bringing about victory by putting everything he has got into our war effort, and also that we shall make this country worthy of their sacrifice and effort.

Our hearts go out to those oppressed and treated with a bestiality that has never been known in the Christian world before. I refer to the citizens of occupied countries. Every German and Italian who supports the Axis campaign carries his share of responsibility, direct or indirect, for the outrages which have been perpetrated; and though one does not want to mar unnecessarily the Christmas spirit, I cannot help saying how glad I am the United Nations have declared that those responsible for these horrors shall, in due course, be brought to justice.

The Isle of Thanet has had one more hard year of war. I have tried in speeches and in writing to show my admiration for the fortitude and determination which characterises the war life of the island and of the royal borough of Sandwich, which is also within the Parliamentary Division.

Good luck to you all; and may we together make 1943 a year which, in the future era of peace, we shall look back on with pride and satisfaction.

M.C. For Margate Airman

ADVENTURE WITH BANDITS

Second son of Mrs. Lenton and the late Mr. E. W. Lenton, of 16 Hastings-avenue, Margate, Flt./Lt. Reginald Arthur Lenton, R.A.F., has been awarded the Military Cross.

In November last year Flt./Lt. Lenton and the crew of his aircraft operating in the Middle East were reported missing and nothing was heard of them for over eight months. Then one day in June they turned up at an Egyptian port in a fishing boat.

What happened to them was described in an airgraph letter which Flt./Lt. Lenton sent to one of his Margate hockey friends.

Their aircraft crashed in enemy territory but the crew were unhurt and took to the hills to escape capture. For eight months they lived with local bandits and then stole a fishing boat in which they sailed back to Egypt.

Twenty-eight years of age, Flt./Lt. Lenton, who has since returned to England, was educated at Salmestone and Pettman Central Schools and after being engaged with an insurance company he joined the R.A.F. as a pupil pilot in 1937. Completing his training in Iraq, he was posted to Bomber Command in the Middle East. He was promoted to his present rank in August, 1941.

Flt. Lt. Lenton played for Cliftonville Hockey Club and was also chosen to represent Kent.

FEARN—PITFIELD

ST. LAWRENCE WEDDING

The marriage took place at St. Lawrence Church, on Saturday, between Alec Fearn, son of the late Mr. Fearn and Mrs. Fearn, of Birmingham, and Helen (Peggy) Pitfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pitfield, of 41 Southwood-road, Ramsgate.

Mr. Fearn is well-known in Ramsgate, where he is a member of the staff of Messrs. Tomson and Wotton, the brewers. He is also a member of the Ramsgate Special Constabulary.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Roundhill) and the bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a brown tailored costume, with brown hat and petrol blue accessories. She wore a spray of pink rosebuds.

Mr. W. H. Caswell was best man and the organ was played by Mrs. K. Mason, an old school friend of the bride.

Following a reception at the home of the bride's parents, the happy couple left for a short honeymoon at Maidstone.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day ...	5.24 p.m.—8.35 a.m.
Wednesday .	5.24 p.m.—8.36 a.m.
Thursday ...	5.25 p.m.—8.36 a.m.

BOMBS MAY COME

BUT SACCHARINES COME FIRST

A SOUTH EAST COAST TOWN, Saturday—Outside a multiple store in the main street stood a queue of people, for the word had quickly gone round that saccharine tablets were to be had.

Presently the sirens sounded the alert, followed by a warning denoting that enemy aircraft were in the immediate vicinity.

Planes could be heard sweeping in from the sea, buildings shook from the concussion of bombs dropped a few miles away, the raiders opened fire with their machine-guns and the air vibrated by the barrage of fire from ground defences.

Not a single person left the queue outside the multiple store.

An hour or so later an ambulance passed through the town carrying the body of the pilot of one of the raiders which was shot down into the sea.

YOUR 1943 CALENDAR

A Calendar for 1943, suitable for use in the office or home, will be published in the Advertiser and Echo next week.

Make sure of your copy.

MISSING SHIP

ANXIETY FOR ST. PETER'S WOMAN

Mrs. Poole, of 9 Mayville-road, St. Peter's, has received news that the ship in which her husband, A/B Wilfred de Neauville Poole, is serving, is overdue and must be presumed lost.

A member of the Merchant Navy, A/B Poole, who is 37 years of age, is the son of Mrs. and the late Mr. G. Poole, of Margate.

An old boy of Chatham House, Ramsgate, and Goodwin College, Margate, he joined the Merchant Navy at the age of 18. In 1927 he married Miss Hope, of St. Peter's.

A/B Poole helped in the evacuation of British troops from Norway and his foot was injured in a bombing attack on one ship in which he was serving.

A Year's Silence Broken

GOOD NEWS FOR BROADSTAIRS WIFE

After nearly a year of anxious waiting, Mrs. Freda Roger, of Marchesi's Restaurant, Albion-street, Broadstairs, has received news that her husband, Second-Lt. E. C. Roger, is a prisoner of war in the Far East.

Twenty-nine years of age, Second-Lt. Roger was serving with the Leicestershire Regiment in Malaya at the time of the Japanese occupation.

Married in 1939, he joined the Army the following year and went to Malaya in August, 1941. He is an old boy of Kent College, Canterbury, and before the war was in business in London.

AIR CDRE. WHITNEY STRAIGHT DECORATED

The Norwegian War Cross has been conferred by the King of Norway on Acting Air Cdre. W. Whitney Straight, M.C., D.F.C., in recognition of valuable services in connection with the war.

SIR JOHN BAYLEY'S BIRTHDAY

Sir John Bayley, president of Ramsgate General Hospital, celebrated his 90th birthday on Monday.

Well-known for his gifts to the hospital, Sir John formerly resided at East Court, Brockenhurst-road, but he is now living in North Wales.

A great educationalist, he was the founder of Wellington College, Salop.

SEVERED GAS PIPE

DEPRESSED BY ILLNESS

TRAGEDY OF RAMSGATE WOMAN'S DEATH

Depression due to years of continued ill-health resulted in a 46-year-old Ramsgate woman taking her life on Saturday night.

She was Mrs. Louisa Redwood, wife of Mr. S. C. T. Redwood, a railway engine driver, of 113 Hereson-road.

Her husband was on duty when the tragedy occurred and in the early hours of Sunday morning he was told by his foreman to go home and fetch his son, another railwayman, who had overlain. When Mr. Redwood returned to his house he was unable to get in but called to his son through the letterbox.

Shortly afterwards the husband, having noticed a smell of gas, they forced open the door of a bedroom and found Mrs. Redwood lying dead in bed.

She had cut a lead gas pipe, apparently with a tableknife, pulled it on to the bed and covered herself with an eiderdown.

At the inquest on Monday the Deputy Borough Coroner (Mr. E. C. Allfree) returned a verdict that Mrs. Redwood took her life while the balance of her mind was disturbed, after hearing evidence that for five or six years she had suffered from persistent vomiting.

Sidney Charles Thomas Redwood said the only other member of the household besides himself and his wife was their younger son, Frank Joseph Redwood. Witness left home at 5.45 on Saturday evening and at 1.45 a.m. was in the engine shed when he was told to go home and fetch his son, an acting fireman, who should have arrived at his work half an hour previously.

Locked Room.

Witness arrived back at his house at 2.15 and tried to unlock the front door but was unable to do so as there was another key in the lock. He opened the letterbox and shouted to his son. Witness then went round to the back and heard his son at the front door. Returning to the front door, witness smelt gas.

"I rushed upstairs to the front bedroom," said Mr. Redwood, "but it was unoccupied. I went to the middle bedroom and it was locked by the catch on the inside. My son bashed the door open with his shoulder. Immediately on going inside I opened the window and saw that my wife was on the bed covered over by an eiderdown. There was no gas escaping then. My son felt her pulse and said she was dead and I then rushed to the wardens' post at the corner of Hereson-road and the warden phoned for the police and a doctor."

Witness said his wife had cut the gas pipe close to the gas bracket and was holding it in her hand. The gas meter was of the slot kind.

Mrs. Redwood had been in bad health for a long time and underwent an operation in Middlesex Hospital about nine years ago. She seemed to recover from the operation all right and it did not leave her depressed or mentally unbalanced. For the past five or six years she had suffered from sickness after meals and had also been to Middlesex Hospital in connection with that.

At times she had fits of depression but had not been too bad until Saturday, when she became very depressed. Many times she had said she was tired of life and last Christmas she threatened to take her life by putting her head in the gas oven.

A Premonition.

"I was worried about her when I went to work on Saturday," said Mr. Redwood, "and when I was told that my son had overlain I seemed to know what to expect."

Dr. W. B. Loveless said he had attended Mrs. Redwood since 1939. She suffered from persistent vomiting and he treated her for that but she did not respond to treatment. Her condition was very distressing, as nothing did her any good, and that had a depressing effect on her.

Witness was called to the house at 2.20 a.m. on Sunday and found Mrs. Redwood lying dead on the bed. Death was due to coal gas poisoning.

Frank Joseph Redwood said he should have arrived at his work at 1.15 a.m. on Sunday and went to bed at 2 p.m. the previous day. He heard his father call him at about 2 a.m. and realised he had overlaid. His mother had not called him as she usually did.

When witness let his father in he asked where his mother was and witness replied "Upstairs in bed." She was not in her room and they went to the middle room, the door of which witness forced. It was then that he noticed a distinct smell of gas.

P/C Coughlan said he went to deceased's house at 2.25 a.m. on Sunday and found her lying on the bed dressed in her ordinary night attire. There was a faint smell of gas and the pipe had been cut near the bracket. The pipe, about six feet long, had been pulled away from the wall. A tableknife lay on a shelf beneath the gas bracket and it had apparently been used to cut the pipe.

Returning his verdict, the Coroner said it was a very sad case on account of the state of deceased's mind. She must have been very unhappy due to the unfortunate state of her health, which undoubtedly caused her to become depressed.

Mr. Allfree expressed sympathy with Mr. Redwood and his two sons.

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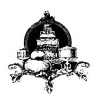

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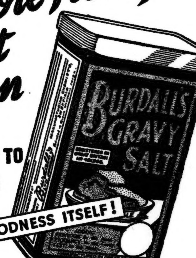

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To all men and women of Thanet serving their country either at home or overseas, the Advertiser & Echo offers the season's greetings and every good wish for the New Year. Many of you may be spending your Christmas in lonely outposts but you will be in the thoughts of those lucky enough to be by their own firesides.

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A cheerful and interesting letter has been received by Mr. S. V. West, secretary to Ramsgate Education Committee, from Lt. R. J. S. Morgan, a member of the staff of the department. Lt. Morgan is with the 1st Batt. The Buffs and his letter, posted on Armistice Day, says "All is well with us out here despite tough going in the past. My chaps are just lazing by the blue waters of the Mediterranean and having a grand time. What a welcome change from past scenes and events, but it makes me damned homesick for all that. The local chaps in our company are all O.K. and they include Pte. P. Woodward, Price's-avenue, Pte. Taylor, Hillbrow-road, L/Cpl. Rogers, Bellevue-road, Pte. Baverstock, Queen-street, Pte. Hoare, Whitehall-road, and Sgt. Coleman, Boundary-road." Of himself, Lt. Morgan says he is very fit and enjoying life no end. A piece of a Jerry tank gave him "quite a whack" on the left hand but it is clearing up well now.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mayhew, of Old Barn-cottage, Pegwell-road, Ramsgate, have three sons serving in the forces—two in the Army and one in the Navy. The eldest, Charles, aged 23, has been in the Army for six years and is now in the Middle East as a gunner in the R.A. Wounded, he was admitted to hospital, but is now back in the firing-line again. In a letter which arrived at his home the other day, he says that the flies worry them more than the bombers. Charlie has met a fellow from Manston village and they have had many interesting talks about Ramsgate. The second son, 20-year-old Frank, who worked for a local builder before joining up, has been in the Royal Navy since last May and is serving as a stoker. He returned on Thursday after a short leave at home. Michael, the youngest son, is a trooper in the Royal Armoured Corps and has been stationed in the south of England. Before the war he was employed as a dental mechanic in Ramsgate.

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Nineteen-year-old Miss Evelyn Rankin, of 91 Boundary-road, Ramsgate, left on Friday for service in the A.T.S. An old girl of Ellington School, she was employed in a Ramsgate cafe. Evelyn spent her last day in the town by assisting at the bring-and-buy sale in aid of the Ramsgate Prisoners of War Funds.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Mrs. Brown, of 150 High-street, Ramsgate, has just received two Christmas cards from overseas. One is from her husband, B/S/M G. Brown, who is a prisoner of war in Germany. It depicts a British soldier sitting under a tree and a cannon firing presents towards him. The other greeting, an airgraph Christmas card presenting a beautiful eastern scene, comes from R/S/M Harold Bingham, of Ramsgate, who is now at the heavy ack-ack headquarters in Egypt.

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Mrs. Mercer, of 45 Percy-road, Ramsgate, has frequent letters from her adopted son, Rflmn. Denis Boon, of the Rifle Brigade, who is a prisoner of war in Italy, having been captured in Crete. Rflmn. Boon says that the Red Cross parcels are eagerly looked forward to at his camp and he is learning Italian.

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Friends of Douglas A. Pointer, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pointer, reside at 150 Grange-road, Ramsgate, will be glad to learn that he has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant as from September last. A member of the Fleet Air Arm, Doug, who is an Old Ruymian, was captured two years ago and is now a prisoner in Germany. He is 22 years of age. F/O C. I. Rolfe, fiance of Miss C. Sanders, of 40 Spencer-square, Ramsgate, is in the same camp as Doug and recently they held a little tea party, at which another "guest" was Bill Wotton, son of Mr. E. Wotton, of Ramsgate, who was formerly in partnership with Mr. A. R. Young, solicitor.

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Miss Freda Dent, a former member of the Advertiser & Echo editorial staff, who is now serving in the A.T.S., has gained first place in an examination following a radio location course. She has now been selected to train as an N.C.O. An old girl of St. George's Central Schools, Freda left Ramsgate at the outbreak of war to work as a nurse in Newcastle.

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Thoughts of home are constantly in the minds of our prisoners of war and especially so at this time of year. Pte. Clifford George, of The Buffs, who is in an Italian camp near the shores of the Adriatic Sea, has sent his Christmas greetings to his two brothers in Ramsgate, in the form of a well-executed card bearing a picture of a typical Kentish scene which he has drawn in wax crayon. The view includes a couple of oasthouses and the signboard of the Man of Kent at Crundale, a favourite rendezvous of his while cycling.

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Serving with a Commando unit, A/B Kenneth Manning, R.N., son of Mr. and the late Mrs. W. H. Manning, of the Glen, Danesmead-terrace, Margate, has been attached to the U.S. Army. He was with the first Allied forces to land in North Africa and was home on leave recently. His younger brother, A/B Alfred Manning, R.N., is serving in a minesweeper in Canada, whence he visited New York.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones, of 10 Wheatley-road, Ramsgate, have now received a card from their son, Pte. Idris Penri Jones, stating that he is in an Italian prison camp. Twenty-seven years of age, he was serving with the R.A.O.C. and before the war was employed as a driver by the East Kent Road Car Co.

Twice lately R.A.F. pigeons, trained to fly in the dark, have arrived at dawn with messages from aircraft about to make a forced landing.

DO NOT RELAX

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER'S GREETING

Lord Monsell, Regional Commissioner, South-Eastern Civil Defence Region, has sent the following message to the Civil Defence services:

"I send to the men and women of the Civil Defence services and to all those connected with those services my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a New Year of ever increasing success.

"The Navy, Air Force and you have held the fort for three hard years, and under your joint protection we have built up great forces which are now being successfully deployed in attack. The insistent demands on man and woman power have necessitated reductions in your organisation and it is therefore all the more necessary that you keep yourselves on the highest level of efficiency and training.

"Your work cannot be relaxed for a moment until final victory is won, because the enemy is in a position at any moment to deliver bombing attacks wherever he pleases, and an attempted invasion might well be the last desperate card of a gambler with his back to the wall.

"In thanking you all for the work you have done, I know that I can rely upon you for the future, and I wish you the best of luck and good fortune."

KEEPS THEM HEALTHY

RED CROSS PARCELS FOR PRISONERS

Financially and otherwise the social afternoon and bring-and-buy tea held in aid of Ramsgate Prisoners of War Funds at St. George's Central School on Thursday was a great success.

As a result of the effort the sum of £25 10s. was raised for the Red Cross funds.

Tea tables were tastefully laid out in the central hall of the buildings and the stalls—the "white elephant" and the "bring-and-buy"—were well patronised, while in one corner of the room many learnt something of their future from "Madame X." An interesting exhibit was the map showing the prisoner of war camps in Germany and Italy and a typical 10s. parcel which the Red Cross and St. John Prisoner of War Organisation send to each English captive every week.

Those attending the social function included Lady Carson, one of the vice-presidents of the organisation for Kent, the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe) and the Vicar of Ramsgate (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth).

Welcomed by Mrs. Farnsworth, local organiser, Lady Carson told the patrons something of the work of the Red Cross in connection with the prisoners. Each prisoner, she said, received a weekly parcel and those who were sick were sent special medical supplies. They were sent, not to individuals, but in bulk to the camps, so that every new arrival was sure of getting his parcel at once from the English camp commandant. The food given them by the Germans hardly kept body and soul together but the parcels from the Red Cross kept the prisoners healthy and she had heard of one who had gained two stones in weight.

Wonderful People.

Gatherings such as the one that afternoon were useful because they could get together and read each other's letters. "You are a most wonderful people," she said, "especially in this corner of the Isle of Thanet, where we have had a great deal of war. I think a great many of you are proud and pleased to live here and to have gone through what you have experienced. You should be proud of yourselves to have stayed here and kept going. The news is good now and brighter days are in store for us all. I hope you will soon have your prisoners of war home again."

The Mayor described the sale as a splendid effort and mentioned that in Ramsgate they had been doing work for the prisoners of war through the Services Comforts Fund, which had raised well over £1,000 by organising events.

Mrs. Farnsworth thanked all who had helped, particularly Mrs. Janes for presenting a goose, and announced that the next meeting of the local organisation would be held at St. George's Parish Hall on 10th January.

Miss C. Sanders and Mrs. Atthill were in charge of the bring-and-buy stall and Mrs. Peete, sen., Mrs. Peete, jun., Mr. G. Peete and Mrs. Hawkins did good business on the "white elephant." Arrangements for the teas were in the capable hands of Mrs. Holthouse and Mrs. Curtis, and Mrs. Howard was present to answer relatives' questions.

During the afternoon entertainment was provided by Miss Pamela Duckett, Miss Jean Willis and Mrs. Hope, and competitions were won by Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Goodbourne and Mrs. Bone.

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PARS PERSONAL

Carolus Sends Greetings

Conveying Season's Greetings to all Readers, Carolus regrets that he cannot personally express his thanks to the many friends, known and unknown, young and old, who have made kind enquiries regarding his health since he has been on the sick list.

Having, under the penalty of death, been expressly forbidden for the time being to indulge in his lifelong habit of writing, Carolus feels, he imagines, very much like a fish feels out of water, but he optimistically hopes to be splashing the ink about in Pars Personal again in the Spring.

In the meantime he particularly asks us to say how deeply he has been touched by all the messages of sympathy and encouragement he has received. He has been profoundly affected by the fact that, at a time when few people are free from personal worry and anxiety and all are feeling the stress and strain of over three years of war, so many should have been able to spare a thought for one who has temporarily fallen by the wayside. It has, he tells us, given him cause once again to reflect happily upon the innate kindness of human nature in a democratic land.

In return, if it is too much to expect that they will spend a Merry Christmas, Carolus can at least express to all his Readers, in this message of greeting and gratitude, sincere and hopeful wishes for a Happier New Year and a future free from the evils of Fear, Want, Idleness, Disease and Ignorance.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Life seems to become much brighter
Whene'er festal days draw near;
Hearts tend to become much lighter
T'ward the closing of the year.

A war Christmas oft deranges
Much that we contrive, or plan;
Nineteen-forty-two rings changes
Round poor Mr. Everyman!

Unforeseen, and unexpected,
Into thin air "stirring" times
Seem to vanish with deflected
Merchandise from sunnier climes.

Though we miss Yule's fond caressings
Doubtless some of us to-day
Might enumerate our blessings
If only in the Woolton "weigh."

May not we reflect and ponder
O'er such courage east and west,
Sacrifice that tears asunder
False pride and self-interest!

Time, great healer of earth's trouble,
Whilst we yearn for due release,
Will, we feel, pierce war's foul bubble
And cement a lasting peace!

W.R.T.

The New Britain

AMONG the prominent men now planning the New Britain is Professor C. H. Reilly, Emeritus Professor of Architecture at Liverpool University, who has just been awarded the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture. Prof. Reilly was at one time a frequent visitor to Ramsgate when his sister, Mrs. Crosby Lockwood, lived at Chartham-terrace. "I look to cities of sparkling buildings of steel and glass made brilliant by colour. I want to see a world in which sunshine is compulsory as far as man can ensure it. Away with all the dingy alleys. Away with sugar icing," Prof. Reilly told Stanley Baron in an interview. Prof. Reilly said he wanted to see architecture handed over to younger men. He wanted to see the end of the system under which the maestro architect worked for the rich client. "Let's make it a great social service," he said. "Let's have these young fellows with new ideas making Commando raids on the big cities, attacking building as a social problem and infusing it with new ideas." Then Prof. Reilly uttered a warning. "You have got to fight against vested interests and trample them down."

Translating the Plans

TO such notable men as Reilly, Beveridge and others has fallen the lot of drawing a picture of Britain as it might be after the war. It is a beautiful picture in still life. And so it will remain but for the determination of the people who alone can ensure that it is translated from a plan into a reality. If we want the type of world which has been painted for us we can have it but at the same time we have got to deserve it, work for it, and make sacrifices for it. The war has proved two things. It has proved that we can make sacrifices and it has proved that we can all pull together as a nation. To win the peace is just as important as winning the war, for the war would have been fought in vain if we permitted ourselves to drift back to the conditions which existed in pre-war days. It has taken the horrors of war to bring before most of us a vision of what should have been and yet still might be. Through the tribulations of war we have been firmly bound together and our endeavour must be as united in the years which lie ahead if we are to see the translation of our dreams into realities.

United Thanet

ALTHOUGH they have paid each other compliments on social occasions, there has undoubtedly been a spirit of jealousy between Margate and Ramsgate for some years past. Rivalry there must be, when two popular resorts are so close together, but the bitterness which has from time to time crept in has helped neither. Councillor Thomson last week rendered a service to both towns when he referred to the stupidity of the feeling of jealousy which had existed. Warship Weeks last year helped to break down this feeling and it is to be hoped that this is but a beginning of a movement whih will draw the two towns closer together. They will face the same tremendous problems of reconstruction in common after the war and any representations which have to be made to higher quarters will carry more weight if they come from a united Thanet rather than from individual towns pursuing their own sectional interests. Small authorities, like small traders, are in danger of extinction, and unless they work together more closely and present a united front they will find themselves in a comparatively short space of time but marionettes manipulated from Whitehall.

TUNNEL VISITORS

Sir Harold Scott, K.B.E., C.B., Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, Mr. A. G. Bottomley, O.B.E., Deputy Regional Commissioner for the South-Eastern Region, and Mr. B. J. Reynolds, O.B.E., Principal Officer, paid a visit to Ramsgate tunnel shelters on Tuesday evening.

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★ Spend wet days and winter evenings in careful overhauls.

★ Don't overdrive your machines.

★ Don't throw away a worn or broken part. Your local welder may be able to put it right. Ask him early. If he can't, hand it in for salvage.

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INJURED BY GERMAN BULLET

Dropping into a street in a south-east coast town on Tuesday afternoon, a spent bullet from a German plane injured Mr. Edward J. M. Croom.

He was removed to hospital with a leg injury and detained.

There were no other casualties and no damage was reported.

MARGATE CADET INSPECTION

On behalf of the Admiral Commanding Reserves, Cdr. D. Thompson, R.N., inspected the Margate Sea Cadet Corps at New Cross-street School last week.

Cdr. Thompson was welcomed by the Margate Commanding Officer (Lt. E. C. Nash, R.N.V.R.) and Sub-Lt. W. J. Withers, R.N.V.R.

Cdr. Thompson expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which classes in seamanship, signals and rifle drill were conducted.

Addressing the cadets, Cdr. Thompson said the war had brought the Royal Navy before the public more than ever before. It was a war of starvation, and the reason we had survived was that our Navy had been able, though difficult at times, to maintain our supply routes.

ARCHBISHOP AT ST. LAWRENCE

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. William Temple) visited St. Lawrence Church on Thursday and conducted a confirmation service. There were 60 candidates.

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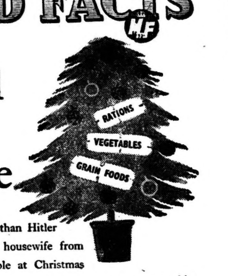

It will take more than Hitler to stop the British housewife from setting a festive table at Christmas time. Yes, the food will be the same — rations, vegetables, grain foods — no Christmas specials; because ship-saving matters more than ever now we have gone over to the offensive. But by dressing up the old favourites, by using little tricks of flavouring, garnishing and serving we can still put up a festive show. Stuffed flank of beef may take the place of turkey, and a little cold tea may be used to darken the complexion of Christmas cake or pudding, but we can still contrive a spread which will delight the children and warm the hearts of the grown-ups.

FOR FATHER — CHRISTMAS DAY PUDDING

Rub 3 oz. cooking fat into 6 tablespoonfuls of flour until like fine crumbs. Mix in 1½ breakfastcupfuls of stale breadcrumbs, 1 lb. prunes (soaked 24 hours, stoned, chopped) or any other dried fruit such as sultanas, 3 oz. sugar, 1 teaspoonful mixed spice, ½ teaspoonful grated nutmeg. Then chop 1 large apple finely, grate 1 large raw carrot and 1 large raw potato; add to dry ingredients. Stir in 3 reconstituted dried eggs. Mix 1 teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda in 1 tablespoonful of mixed lemon substitute and stir thoroughly into the pudding mixture. Put into one large or two small well-greased basins, cover with margarine papers and steam 2½ hours. This can be prepared overnight and eaten on Christmas Day.

WITH LOVE TO THE CHILDREN — CHRISTMAS FRUIT PIES

(A good alternative to mincemeat.)

Warm 1 tablespoonful of marmalade (or jam, but this is not so spicy) in small saucepan over tiny heat. Add ½ lb. prunes (soaked 24 hours, stoned, chopped) or other dried fruit, 1 tablespoonful of sugar, 1 teacupful stale cake crumbs, or half cake, half breadcrumbs, ½ teaspoonful mixed spice. Stir together until crumbs are quite moist. Remove from heat, add 1 large chopped apple; also some chopped nuts if possible. Use as a filling for small tarts or pies.

STUFF TO GIVE THE TROOPS — MOCK GOOSE

Scrub and slice 1½ lb. of potatoes thinly, slice 2 apples, grate 4 oz. cheese. Place a layer of potatoes in a greased pie-dish, cover with apple and a little sage, season, sprinkle on grated cheese, repeat layers leaving potatoes and cheese to cover. Pour in ½ pint of stock, cook in a moderate oven for ¾ hour. Blend 1 tablespoonful of flour with ½ pint stock, pour into dish and cook for another ¼ hour.

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CHILDREN'S TREAT

1 Grated bar chocolate on freshly made biscuits gives the party touch.

2 Baked apples stuffed with war-time mincemeat are a splendid surprise.

3 Hot Cinnamon Toast for tea makes up for the shortage of cakes. Here is the way to make it.

Cinnamon Toast

Take 1 tablespoonful margarine, 1 dessertspoonful of sugar, 1 teaspoonful of cinnamon. Cream all the ingredients together, spread on hot toast and grill for two minutes.

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The usual "snowball" letter is mischievous: it threatens bad luck. But here is some good news that housewives are spreading amongst themselves — the farther and faster this snowball travels the better! When you find Dried Egg makes all the difference to your cooking, *pass the good news on.* When you have proved to yourself that Household Milk makes delicious milk puddings, the way you use it, *tell your neighbour.* If you have discovered tasty potato dishes *give your friend the recipes too.* Hand on this good news snowball — it will help to keep the nation in good heart and health.

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STAFFORD MAYOR'S VISIT

TO CLARENDON HOUSE SCHOOL

Last week the Mayor and Mayoress of Stafford (Councillor A. E. and Mrs. Hourd) visited Clarendon House School for Girls, Ramsgate, in their evacuation home in the Girls' High School, Stafford.

In a speech of welcome, Miss I. E. Helm, M.A., the head mistress, described the institution of the school mayor and council some ten years ago.

Combining what Miss Helm explained as a "civic" occasion with one more purely scholastic, the Mayoress then distributed prizes and certificates to those girls still in school. Miss Helm pointed out that the six girls who gained London Higher School Certificate were dispersed—three to university or training college, two to the W.A.A.F. (meteorological section), one to a branch of the Foreign Office; and several of the School Certificate girls had also left to take up work or training. London General School Certificates were distributed to those present as follows:

Rosemary Foster (Latin only), Jean Chamberlain, Marie Evans, Betty Hewson, Joyce Hills, Marjorie Lovely, Valerie Moore, Betty Neal, Vera Norman, Vera Powell, Rita Walker, June Willcocks.

Local Government's Influence.

Prizes have been relinquished during the war, except for the following: Margaret Wright prize for public spirit—Margery Hawkes (W.A.A.F.), Marjorie Bishop (VI Form); Marie Pryce prize for best Higher School result—Joyce Stanford (University College, London); Marie Pryce prize for best General School result—Valerie Moore, Gwendolen Wilkins.

The Mayor then addressed the school on civic responsibilities. He spoke of the constitution of a town council and the committee system, and showed how a good local government influenced the lives of the people in such matters as health, education, libraries and transport. He went on to explain the special duties and functions of a Mayor, and gave an account of a typical day in his life, showing the humorous side as well as the burden of responsibility.

He advised the girls while they were in school to try to understand the duties of local government, as democracy was only successful when responsibility and interest were spread as widely as possible. He had found that people generally were willing to help. All citizens should try to take an interest in the civic life of their own town, for that would help them to join in the task, later on, of governing their own town and also the country.

Alderman Patricia Young, Mayor of the school, offered both welcome and thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for their visit. She expressed the delight the school had taken in listening to the interesting talk which had been given by the Mayor, and showed appreciation of the onerous nature of his responsibilities.

Alderman Rosemary Foster, deputy Mayor of the school, called for cheers, given with genuine enthusiasm and vigour, which afforded obvious pleasure to the distinguished visitors.

NEWINGTON-ROAD BUSES

COUNCIL SECURE CONCESSION

Ramsgate Town Council have been successful in securing a concession from the South-Eastern Regional Transport Commissioner which, for an experimental period at least, will provide service bus facilities in the Newington district of Ramsgate.

People living in the district sent a petition to the Transport Commissioner asking that certain of the buses on the Ramsgate-Margate service should be diverted at the Hare and Hounds along the Newington-road.

The Transport Commissioner informed the Town Council that he could not see his way to grant permission for the alteration but the Council again decided to press the point.

It is now announced that for an experimental period beginning in January two buses each way each day on the 49 and 49a services will be diverted along the Newington-road.

The two buses to be diverted on the inward journey from Margate are those reaching the Hare and Hounds at 9.44 a.m. and 2.14 p.m. From the Hare and Hounds these buses will travel along Newington-road to St. Lawrence, on to the railway station and will then continue along the normal 49 route.

A similar route in the reverse direction will be taken by buses leaving Queen-street car park, Ramsgate, at 11.55 a.m. and 4.5 p.m.

GOODWILL FOR A GREAT TARGET

Tremendous effort will be needed to attain the target which Mr. Hudson has set before the agricultural community—a million more acres of grassland to be ploughed up for what the Minister has called "the absolutely vital harvest of 1943." But more than tremendous effort by individuals will be required: if this huge task is to be carried through, the maximum co-operation and goodwill are essential.

We are reminded of the Christian promise—"Peace on earth to men of goodwill." Shall we be deserving of peace if we lack goodwill at this crucial point in the war? Early in 1942 the Archbishop of Canterbury wrote: "This is a time when even more than usual we ought to be helping one another in service of the common cause . . . There is a special need and opportunity for this in rural districts, where farmers and farm workers can help one another and also the nation as a whole by acting as good neighbours to one another. There is a great scope for mutual aid, and it may take many forms." In his speeches during the past year, the Minister of Agriculture has suggested some forms of good neighbourliness and it is appropriate this Christmastide to recall them.

Every farmer who really knows his job should lend a hand and help those who are less sure and less experienced. In fact, Mr. Hudson urged well-equipped estate owners and well-equipped farmers to go out of their way to help their neighbours, to take a broad view of their activities and to accept some measure of responsibility for seeing that we get maximum food production, not only on their own estates and farms but throughout the area where their influence can be exerted. Many farmers—members of local committees—are already giving such aid; but it was to the non-official farmers that the Minister appealed. He suggested that if they knew of some really backward neighbours they should go and talk to them in a friendly, tactful sort of way, invite them to come over one Sunday and see their farms. Farm workers should be invited, too, for in the old days the farm men used to spend their Sunday afternoons looking over the boundary hedge—a good old tradition that should be revived.

TARZAN IN NEW YORK

JOHNNY WEISSMULLER AT KING'S

Johnny Weissmuller leaves the wilds of the jungle for big city life in "Tarzan's New York Adventure," which the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, presents for the first four days of next week.

A brand new story idea gives the latest "Tarzan" adventure more thrills, more laughs, more drama and more suspense than have ever before been crammed into the breathless exploits of the world-famous Edgar Rice Burroughs' character. Although it sends him from the jungle into New York, it does not change his way of life and one of the sensational highlights of the picture is his leap off Brooklyn Bridge. Maureen O'Sullivan and John Sheffield again appear in their well-known parts. Harry Langdon and Marian Marsh are the stars of the supporting film, "House of Errors."

For the latter half of the week the bill is headed by "Rose of Tralee," a family drama in which John Longden and Lesley Brook appear. It is a sentimental story telling how a singer seeks fame in America and returns to England in war-time to find his wife and child. Familiar scenes of home life in war conditions and incidents of pathos and humour are interspersed with excellent renderings of well-known Irish ballads. The cast also includes Angela Glynne, Mabel Constanduros and Talbot O'Farrell. "Dawn Express," starring Michael Whalen and Anne Nagel, will also be screened.

To-day and to-morrow the main presentation, "I Married an Angel," featuring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, is supported by "Man with Two Lives," starring Edward Norris and Eleanor Lawson. On Thursday and Saturday the King's presents Ralph Byrd and Virginia Vale in "Broadway Big Shot," and Bud Duncan and Edgar Kennedy in "Snuffy Smith—Yard Bird." The cinema will be closed on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS IN PRISON

MINSTER BOY'S ALLEGED ESCAPE FROM HOME

A 15-year-old Minster boy who was stated to have attempted to escape from a hostel appeared before the magistrates at Ramsgate county juvenile court on Wednesday.

The boy, who was bound over for two years by the magistrates in January, admitted a breach of his recognisances, in that he committed a larceny at Brighton on 5th December.

P/C Thompson, K.C.C., stationed at Minster, said he saw the boy detained at Brighton police station the previous day. He told him he had a warrant for his arrest and brought him to Broadstairs.

Sgt. Butler asked for a remand for 21 days.

"In view of his unruly conduct we ask that he should be committed to Maidstone prison," said the officer.

In reply to the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight), P/C Thompson said the boy was liable to escape, for he had already escaped from an approved school.

Asked where he had been in the meantime, the boy said he had been in Lewes prison.

Mr. A. E. Bray, Probation Officer, said he understood the boy had absconded from a hostel to which he had been sent. He then committed the offence at Brighton and was sent to a remand home from which he tried to escape with two other boys. As a result he again appeared before the Brighton court and was remanded to Lewes prison, instead of being sent back to the home. He understood the boy, and the two other boys with him, were in possession of wire-cutters when they attempted to escape.

The boy was remanded to Maidstone prison until 5th January.

PTE. HARRY CULLEN

PRINTER-SOLDIER'S DEATH

In Memoriam notices published in the ADVERTISER & ECHO recorded that it was a year ago on 14th December that Pte. Henry Charles Kitchener Cullen, The Buffs, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cullen, of Priory-road, Ramsgate, was killed in action in the Middle East.

Harry Cullen served his apprenticeship as a compositor at the THANET ADVERTISER printing works and afterwards obtained employment with a firm of printers at Canterbury but continued to live with his parents at Ramsgate. Of a happy nature and cheerful disposition, he carried his enthusiasm into the realm of sport, being a staunch young supporter of the Grenville Football Club and having a knowledgeable appreciation of the capabilities of the greyhounds kennelled at Dumpton Park.

As cheerfully Harry Cullen responded to the sterner call of war and on completing his training went overseas to serve with a battalion of the East Kent Regiment in the Middle East.

He was one of that gallant band of Buffs who on 14th/15th December last year lost their lives but wrote another page of glory in the history of the famous regiment by holding up a German Panzer Division for 24 hours in Libya when Rommel was making his all-out bid to drive the British back into Egypt. They were overwhelmed but saved the situation for the Eighth Army.

Shortly before he met his death in action, Pte. Cullen sent us a long letter, typical of his cheerful outlook on life, describing his earlier experiences in Egypt and the great welcome he received en route in South Africa.

MARGATE

Alderman's Illness.—Alderman A. G. Hine, a member of Margate Town Council, who recently underwent a serious operation in a London hospital, is making good progress towards recovery.

They Showed Lights.—Fines of £1 each were imposed by Margate magistrates on Wednesday on Thomas Edward Morris, a member of the N.F.S., of Grotto-hill, and Dorothy Moore, of Sidney House, Canterbury-road, who were summoned for permitting lights to show at their homes after black-out.

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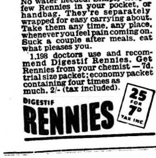

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MARGATE PRISONER OF WAR PASSES EXAMINATION

Margate Town Council have decided to send their congratulations to Pte. Alan McCarthy, son of Mrs. McCarthy, of Ulster-road, Margate, who is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Before the war Pte. McCarthy was employed in the rating and valuation section of Margate Borough Treasurer's Department.

Taken prisoner on the collapse of France, he took advantage of arrangements made through the International Red Cross to continue his studies. Examination papers were sent to him and it is now known that he has passed in two subjects of part one of the final examination of the Association of Rating and Valuation Officers.

MAKING HISTORY

JOHN PAYNE AT ODEON

Men who are making history and one who helped to make it over a century ago feature in the films at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, next week.

The famous United States Marines are seen in "To the Shores of Tripoli," a timely and thrilling production which is the main presentation on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Taking a raw recruit in the person of John Payne, the film puts him through all the paces which a marine undergoes to emerge a fighting "leatherneck." For romantic interest the beautiful Maureen O'Hara was selected to play the part of a nurse. Randolph Scott gives one of the top performances of his career as the hard-boiled sergeant who makes life both interesting and miserable for Payne. The supporting picture, "North to the Klondyke," features Brod Crawford, Lon Chaney, Evelyn Ankers and Andy Devine.

Robert Donat plays his greatest dramatic characterisation in "The Young Mr. Pitt," which is the chief attraction for the last three days of the week. The film, telling the story of one of England's most powerful statesmen, bears an amazing similarity to the events of to-day. Robert Donat, as Pitt, plays the Georgian Churchill, a Prime Minister riding roughshod over conventions and red tape and saving the country in time of war. Opposing his views is the venomous Charles James Fox, and Robert Morley is superb as this carefree, gambling fob who finally sees that Pitt's policy is right. Other important roles are filled by Phyllis Calvert as Pitt's great love, John Mills and Raymond Lovell.

On Sunday, James Cagney and Olivia De Havilland will be seen in "The Strawberry Blonde," with "Gambling on the High Seas," starring Wayne Morris and Jane Wyman, as the supporting feature.

Eleanor Powell and Red Skelton in "Ship Ahoy" and the Weaver Brothers in "Susanna" can be seen at the Odeon to-day and to-morrow, and for the last half of this week, including Christmas Day, the presentations are "Grand Central Murder," starring Van Heflin and Patricia Dane, and "Hitting the Headlines," with Albert Dekker and Joan Davis.

Fifteen hundred cigarette lighters have been sent as Christmas presents to men from Fort Dunlop now on active service.

TEDDY BEARS CONCERT PARTY

BRIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT RAMSGATE

Congratulations to Holy Trinity Girls' Club, Ramsgate, on the birth of the Teddy Bears Concert Party, presented to members of the church and friends in the parish hall on Friday.

Opening with their signature tune, "Teddy Bears Picnic," the five girls who formed the team worked hard for two hours and there was not a dull moment. The show was colourful and the artistes proved themselves to be versatile and clever entertainers.

There were concerted numbers and popular songs which went over well, perhaps the most effective being "Holy City."

Pat was at her best in "Gipsy's warning," although she also brought down the house with her impersonation of a prima donna singing "Cherry ripe." For this she was presented with a cabbage bouquet.

Blanche, although invaluable at the piano, showed her talent for acting in an up-to-date play, complete with air raid warning, written by Rose in the Mabel Constanduros style. Meg, Rose and Pat also took part in the play, which was very well received.

Meg played her mandolin to a piano accompaniment by her mother (Mrs. Vince), and Elsie entertained with her piano accordian and also led community singing of popular songs and carols.

The artistes were Rose James, Pat Eccleston, Blanche Milgate, Meg Vince and Elsie Smith.

During the interval the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Culmer) thanked the artistes for having worked so hard at short notice to give them such a delightful entertainment which they appreciated very much. He also expressed thanks to Mr. A. Narramore, their stage manager, who had made it possible for the entertainment to take place in the hall.

Much of the success of the entertainment was due to Mrs. A. Back and Miss M. Milgate, who did valuable work behind the scenes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

PROTEST AGAINST INCREASE

A protest that it was unfair to the townspeople at the present time was made at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday when the Council had under consideration a recommendation that the salary of Mr. J. H. Parker, Wingham Pumping Station Superintendent, should be increased from £6 to £7 per week.

In addition to his salary, Mr. Parker is provided with a house, fuel and light.

Councillor L. Munro Cobb said Mr. Parker was far better off than the majority of Margate people to-day. Those who would have to foot the bill were living on very much less than in pre-war days.

Alderman W. C. Redman said the trouble was that members did not know the position at the pumping station and were therefore unable to form a sound judgment.

Alderman E. S. Lanington said Mr. Parker was appointed in 1925 at a salary of £5 a week, plus a house. He received an increase of 10s. in 1927 and a further 10s. in 1936. A man receiving £6 to-day compared with £5 in 1925 was worse off.

The recommendation was adopted, four members voting against.

Black-out To-day 5.24 p.m.—8.35 a.m.

BETTER FEELING

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THANET TOWNS

A suggestion that, as in Warship Week, the three Thanet towns should combine to help each other during Wings for Victory Week next year was made by Councillor A. W. Thomson, chairman of Margate Savings Committee, at a meeting of the committee last week.

Reporting on the proposition that the three Thanet towns should jointly present a plaque to H.M.S. Thanet, Councillor Thomson observed "It is very stupid to have a feeling of jealousy between Margate and Ramsgate and I think this will help to get rid of it."

At a joint meeting of representatives of the three towns, said Councillor Thomson, a very nice feeling was shown and it was an indication of a better atmosphere being created.

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National Savings.—Ramsgate's contribution to the national savings campaign for the week which ended on 12th December amounted to £3,091, comprising £1,240 deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, £1,206 in savings certificates and £645 in defence bonds.

Christmas Dances.—Dancers are being well catered for at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, this Christmas. There will be dances on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day from 7 p.m. until 11.45 p.m. and on New Year's Eve dancing will begin at 7.30 p.m. and finish at 12.30 a.m. on New Year's Day. At each of the dances music will be provided by Fred Hargraves' dance orchestra.

Legion Thanked.—Mr. G. S. Tucker, of Ramsgate British Legion, has received from Capt. W. G. Willcox, organising secretary of the Legion, a letter congratulating the branch on the result of Poppy Day collection. "In addition to expressing the Legion's gratitude to those who have given with such sympathy," says Capt. Willcox, "I send my own personal thanks to you and all who have taken part, in one way or another, in the work of organisation and selling poppies. Conditions have been far from easy this year, but the difficulties have been magnificently overcome, and our congratulations are due to all concerned."

If it's News ring Ramsgate 1012.

25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Capt. C. S. F. Witts, who is in India, writes that it is almost three and a half years since he left the bank at Ramsgate for what he thought was to be a fortnight's training. He adds that he does not look like resuming the old occupation for some time ahead. His brother, Lt. Cecil Witts, is in Palestine.

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W. H. Barrett, manager of the Queen's Cinema, Ramsgate, who recently went on service, is about to join the R.N.A.S. His expert knowledge of photography will be a valuable asset to him in his military career.

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Charles Martin, a well-known Ramsgate cricketer and footballer, who was severely wounded in the head in battle some months ago, has been home after discharge from the Army.

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O/S H. C. Flowerdew, of the THANET ADVERTISER, was home on leave last week in connection with an interesting domestic event. He expects very shortly to leave the Crystal Palace and go on draft. The temperature at the Palace is indicated by his remark that he has been living on an iceberg.

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Cpl. H. B. Abram, of the Ramsgate Town Clerk's staff, was recently home on leave. Army life suits him and he finds time to follow his musical inclinations. He is at present stationed in the home country.

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R/Q/M/S W. S. Edwards, East Kent Regiment, of Ramsgate, has been awarded the meritorious service medal.

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Pte. Sydney Hazledene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hazledene, of Denmark-road, Ramsgate, who was wounded at Messines, writes home that he is now able to walk without crutches, having been fitted with a surgical boot.

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Stanley Turner, who will be remembered in football circles at Broadstairs, is despatch riding in the east.

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Pte. F. T. Lambert, A.O.C., one of the many members of the THANET ADVERTISER staff to join up, spent Christmas leave at Ramsgate after a journey from Somewhere in Staffordshire.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

WRECKED ON THE GOODWINS

The most disastrous wreck that has happened in these waters for a long time occurred on Friday, resulting in the total loss of a steamer laden with pig iron and seven of the crew. The unfortunate vessel was the s.s. Dilsberg, 967 tons, bound from Middlesborough for Vivita Vecchia. All went well until midday on Friday, when a fresh breeze developed into half a gale. Just after noon the vessel was abreast of a lightship, believed by the chief officer to be the Longsand, about four miles on the starboard. Forty minutes afterwards the vessel grounded and bumped heavily. From the fact that the steam was cut off very soon afterwards, the situation from the first was almost hopeless. Within a comparatively short distance of three, if not four, lightships—in fact almost surrounded by a cordon of lightships—there was an element of hope in that direction.

Accordingly rockets were sent up and blue lights burned, but all to no purpose. Not the slightest attention was paid to the signals of distress and even they were rendered impossible when the deck house was carried away by heavy seas. At one o'clock on Saturday morning the scene baffles description. Here, on a vessel fast breaking up, where scarcely a foothold could be had in safety, were 15 men nearly perished by the bitterly cold north-west wind and salt spray which dashed in their faces, yet clinging to the wreck with the tenacity common to human nature. In the darkness of the night and, as if smiling in irony at their dreadful position, the cheerful lights from the Longsand, Sunk and Kentish Knock shone brightly throughout the livelong night. The only boat left was badly damaged and it was only by patching under difficulties that it could be launched at all.

The lightsmen of the Kentish Knock received the shipwrecked crew and they tenderly hoisted the poor captain on board. He had died just when rescue was rendered possible. Homeward bound on Sunday morning, the good smack Cordelia, of Ramsgate, was spoken by the Kentish Knock and the shipwrecked mariners were taken aboard and kindly treated at the Sailors' Home. Dr. Hardman, the Ramsgate Coroner, conducted an inquest on Monday and the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" adding a rider that it appeared from the evidence of the mate very strange that although the wreck was within sight of three lightships and proper signals were used, no notice was taken by any of the three.

BROADSTAIRS

Savings.—The sum of £817 was invested in national savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during the week ended 12th December. The amount consisted of savings certificates £340 and deposits in the Post Office Savings bank £477.

Reading Street Whist.—Prizes at a whist drive held by the Brighter Broadstairs League at St. Andrew's Hall, Reading Street, were won by Mr. L. Bing, Councillor B. Humphrey, Miss O. Vyse and Mrs. Lomax. Mr. E. Brown was M.C. and Mrs. Humphrey presented the prizes.

Mentioned in Despatches.—Son of Mrs. Holness, of 59 Northdown-road, St. Peter's, W/O Ernest Richard Holness, R.A., whose home is at Sandwich, has been mentioned in despatches for gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East between November, 1941, and June, 1942. A Territorial for 18 years, he was called up at the outbreak of war and has been in the Middle East for two years. Thirty-eight years of age, he lived in Broadstairs until moving to Sandwich, where he was employed by a firm of wine and spirit merchants.

P.o.W. Week.—Still more money is expected to come in as a result of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's National Prisoners of War Week, which has already reached a total of £435. The gift shop in High-street is not yet closed and this will provide additional funds. The organising committee of the week consisted of Councillor B. J. Pearson (chairman), Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Byrne, Mr. A. T. Tucker, Councillor B. Humphrey, Mr. G. E. Hilton (treasurer) and Mr. L. T. Shaw (publicity officer).

BROADSTAIRS LOOTING CHARGE

On charges of housebreaking and looting, Gnr. Frederick William Morton, aged 20, was remanded on bail for four weeks at Margate Cinque Ports police court on Monday.

Morton was charged with breaking and entering Cobo, Eastern-esplanade, Broadstairs, about 12 December, and stealing various articles, the property of Miss Richie. The second charge was of entering premises, situated in an area subjected to air attack, with intent to steal.

D/C Self stated that when arrested defendant replied "I only had some bobbins."

FALL IN BLACKOUT

DEATH OF RETIRED JOURNALIST

The death of a 78-year-old retired journalist after a fall in the black-out was the subject of an inquest conducted by the Acting Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at Margate on Monday.

Deceased was Wilfred Whitton, who had lodged for several years at 1 Fort Mount, Margate. Tripping over an iron stake shortly after leaving the house on 15th November, he fractured the neck of his left femur and died in Margate General Hospital on Saturday.

Joseph James Doughty, of 1 Fort Mount, said deceased had been living with him since 1937. He was in wonderful health and had good eyesight. On 15th November, at 7.15 p.m., he went out to pay his usual visit to a cafe for a meal and a short time later was brought back to the house by an Army officer and two soldiers. He had had a fall and his leg seemed paralysed.

Dr. E. J. Bradley said he saw deceased shortly after his admission to the hospital and the neck of the left femur was fractured. An operation was performed to set the fracture by the insertion of a pin but the bone was too fragile to hold it, probably on account of the man's age. The cause of death was septicaemia following the operation and witness thought the trouble arose because deceased was not very tolerant with the dressing and put his hand inside it to get to the wound. Twice he cut the bandage off. He did not think deceased realised what he was doing.

The Coroner returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

SERVICES NIGHT AT ODEON

Three favourites returned to the stage of the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Friday, when they appeared in another of the popular guest night programmes.

They were Smn. Ronald Charles, of South Wales, who specialises in bird mimicry, E/R/M Gordon Harrington, an exponent on the mouth organ, and 15-year-old Albert Ansell, who, having previously appeared in a dual comedy act, proved his versatility by mystifying his audience with some clever conjuring. He was assisted by Sylvia Shorn.

All the other acts were new to the Odeon. Evergreen and modern song hits were put over by Gnr. Harry Hills, R.A., Mrs. Bull, W.R.N.S., and Gnr. Charles Morgan, R.A., and C/M/M F. J. Cox provided plenty of laughs.

At the close of the show the manager, Mr. R. N. Paterson, thanked the technical staff for their help in making the shows such a success and wished all the patrons the season's greetings.

The stage shows will recommence on Friday next week.

MAGISTRATES' GREETING

Following the business at Ramsgate police court on Monday, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the bench wished him to extend hearty greetings to those who had business at the court and to express the hope that they might meet in 12 months' time in much happier circumstances.

The greeting was acknowledged by Chief Inspr. H. G. Butcher and the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight).

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Alternative to Amalgamation

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Future of Kent Police Forces

The Kent boroughs have laid before the Home Office an alternative to the Home Secretary's proposal to amalgamate all police forces within the county.

If the Home Secretary accepts the alternative it would have the effect of bringing about a closer liaison between the police and military, which is stated to be the main reason for amalgamation, but at the same time it would leave borough police forces to deal with all purely local problems, and would not upset the present Civil Defence organisation.

Representatives of the nine boroughs in Kent affected by the proposed amalgamation of their forces with the Kent County Constabulary visited the Home Office on Friday and were received in the absence of the Home Secretary (Mr. Herbert Morrison) by Sir Alexander Maxwell.

Ramsgate was represented by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), Councillors A. R. Young and the Rev. Harcourt Samuel and the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis).

The Margate representatives were the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford), Alderman W. C. Redman and the Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove).

The alternative suggestion made by the boroughs was that the Home Secretary, instead of amalgamating the forces, should act under Defence Regulation 39.

Under the Regulation the Home Secretary may give to police forces such general or special instructions as appear to be necessary or expedient for public safety, the defence of the realm or the efficient prosecution of the war. He can direct police from one area to another and he can delegate his powers to any specific person or class of persons.

Under the Regulations the Home Secretary can also require or authorise the retirement of any chief officer of police.

Ready to Help.

It was pointed out that the separate police authorities were quite prepared to help in any way possible under the powers given the Home Secretary by the Regulation.

The suggestion made was that the Home Secretary might appoint the Chief Constable of Kent to be in absolute charge of all police forces in Kent for the purpose of co-operation with the military authorities. From the point of view of military co-operation there would then be one county force.

This should completely meet the situation in the light of the statement made by Mr. Morrison in the House of Commons and at the same time it would not upset Civil Defence organisations which, at the suggestion of the Home Secretary, had been built round borough police forces and would leave the borough forces free to deal with purely domestic matters in their own areas.

Speaking on behalf of the nine boroughs, Alderman Sir G. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mayor of Maidstone, said they realised that special circumstances required special arrangements but it was against the proposed way of dealing with the merging of police forces that they took such great objection.

Drastic Step.

"From previous conferences," said the Mayor, "and from what was said in the House of Commons we had no idea that the Home Secretary intended as far as Kent was concerned such a drastic step as to amalgamate nine boroughs, some of them 75 miles apart, with the Kent county police, and thereby produce what seems to us an unwieldy force, and instead of quicker action in war emergency, greater delay."

The Mayor then outlined the proposals enumerated above and said that at present there was perfect liaison between the Kent county police and the boroughs.

"Amalgamation cannot do more than I have set out," he said, "and in the case of invasion may well cause greater delay because the Chief Constable would be miles away and the Deputy Chief may, as deputy, hesitate to act, whereas as chief constable of a borough he certainly would act on his own initiative.

"To put the matter in a nutshell, what we suggest is that for the purpose of these special service matters the borough forces should be under the complete command of the Chief Constable of Kent. No reasons have been given why the course I have set out would not be more satisfactory rather than the disruption of smaller police forces which, though it may seem a small matter to the Home Office, is an important one to the boroughs concerned."

The Difficulties.

The Mayor said the difficulties which would arise if amalgamation were persisted in were:

1. The already over-burdened and short staffed local authorities and the police would be involved in endless negotiations and adjustments;

2. The public would not have the same confidence in a force which was controlled in all matters by an officer having none or very limited local knowledge and whose headquarters were at a considerable distance;

3. The withdrawal of local control would have a most adverse effect on the efficiency of Civil Defence and local invasion precautions. In most cases the borough chief constable was the sub-controller, in others the head of the wardens service, certain report and control centres were in police stations, and in all cases the police were inextricably involved in the local Civil Defence arrangements;

4. The suggestions were not welcomed by the police themselves, both senior ranks and constables being opposed to amalgamation, and the loss of those chief constables who might exercise their right to retire would be a serious loss of experienced man-power;

5. The valuable advice now given to the borough councils and their committees by their chief constables must be affected, if such chief constables were replaced by county superintendents. Endless correspondence would be involved in the settling of minor local matters and complaints;

6. The whole of the involved and unnecessary re-adjustments would have to be repeated when the forces returned to local control in accordance with the assurances given as to the temporary nature of the amalgamation.

"We sincerely trust," concluded the Mayor, "that the representations now made will satisfy you that the successful prosecution of the war will not be facilitated, but, on the contrary, will be hindered by the complicated process of amalgamation, and that any measures desired to meet the purposes of the Regulations can be effected by the simpler methods of administrative directions as far as war matters are concerned, leaving the easy-running and well-organised local police matters to be carried on as at present."

Representatives of each of the authorities then addressed Sir Alexander, Ramsgate's case being put by Councillor Young.

Death of Mr. A. Baker.—A resident of St. Peter's all his life, Mr. Arthur Baker died at 4 Convent-cottages, Reading Street, last week, at the age of 64 years. Until taken ill a year ago, Mr. Baker was employed as a labourer. He leaves a widow, four sons and three daughters. The funeral at St. Peter's on Saturday was preceded by a service at St. Andrew's Church.

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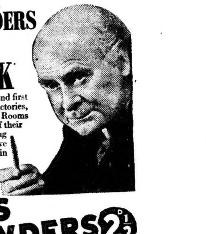
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BIRTHS

Addington.—17th December, at Wombwell, Yorks, to the wife of Sgt. Denis Addington, R.A.F., a daughter.

Seeley.—16th December, at Hylea, Boleyn-avenue, Margate, the wife of Horace George Seeley, of a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

Evans—Sinclair.—The marriage will take place at Christ Church, Ramsgate, on 16th January, at 2.30 p.m., between David George Evans, son of Mrs. Evans, of Winstanley-crescent, and Margaret M. Sinclair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sinclair, of 7 Mill-cottages.

Young—Marks.—A marriage has been arranged between Walter Sydney, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Young, of Stafford, late of Station Approach-road, Ramsgate, to Beatrice Elaine, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Marks, of 7 Vale-road, to take place on 26th December at Christ Church, Ramsgate.

MARRIAGES

Austen—Howell.—12th December, at St. Luke's Church, Llandaff, Cardiff, John Reginald Crees Austen, of Margate, to Joan Mifanwy Howell, of Llandaff, Cardiff.

Fearn—Pitfield.—19th December, at St. Lawrence Church, by the Rev. J. H. Roundhill, Alec Fearn, son of the late Mr. Fearn and Mrs. Fearn, of Birmingham, to Helen (Peggy) Pitfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pitfield, of 41 Southwood-road, Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Brown.—14th December, at 30 Hartsdown-road, Margate, Martha Brown, aged 74 years.

Fright.—14th December, at 10 Monksdene-gardens, Sutton, Surrey, Egbert Edwin Horace Fright.

RETURN THANKS

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